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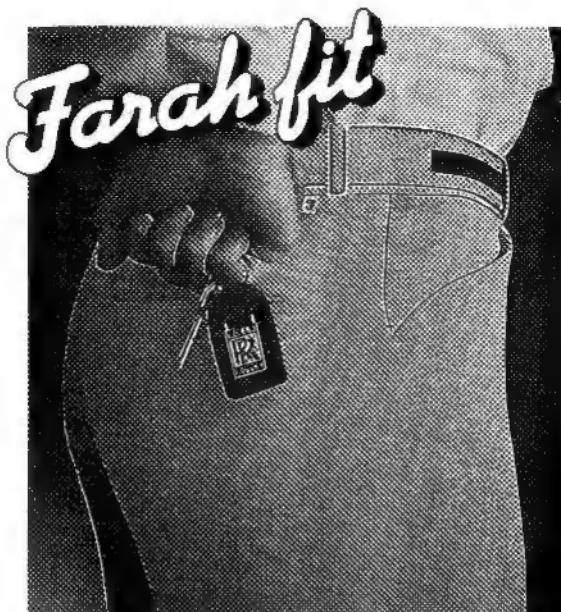
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Introduction

We are pleased to welcome you to this special edition of the Supporters' Club Handbook. This edition marks the 50th season of the Blues Supporters Club. The club was formed in 1931, the year the Amateur Cup came to Wycombe. A few memories might be stirred by the extracts from the minutes of the club's earlier meetings which follow later in the handbook.

Our thanks to all the contributors to this handbook, the advertisers for making the publication possible and to the Committee for the work done during the season.

To Mike Keen and the team go all our best wishes for a successful season on the pitch. We all hope to see attractive football from the players matched by good behaviour from the supporters so that Wycombe Wanderers are identified with the good things in soccer in the 'eighties.

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R. BUTTERFIELD

Chairman

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COVER PICTURE:

Terry Glynn scoring against Walthamstow

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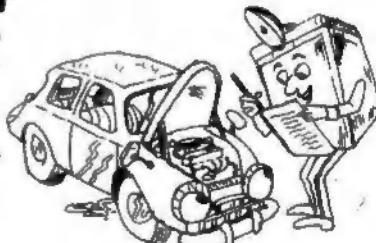
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From a supporter

I felt very flattered to be asked to write something for this handbook and I cannot help thinking that there must be many other supporters who are better qualified to do so. Apart from anything else, I am a comparative newcomer to Loakes Park, having been a Blues fan only since the late 'sixties. Before that I followed Maidstone (my home town) from 1949-1960 and those other Blues, Wealdstone, from 1961-1968.

Many people—not least my long-suffering wife—find it odd that I can get so enthusiastic (obsessive even) about non-league soccer. I suppose I do make rather a meal of it and I sometimes wonder, for example, how many of my fellow supporters go to the length of writing reports on matches and allocating marks for the performances of individual players! (No, I'm not kidding.) But it was my wife's own idea—a brilliant one, I thought—that I should tape record the Isthmian League results from LBC on Saturday evenings. I am not the world's fastest writer and until Sheelah had this flash of inspiration I had been attempting to keep pace with broadcasters whose rate of delivery often made the O'Sullivans and O'Hares of this world sound like John Arlott on drugs. Moreover, as one who is, to put it mildly, sparing in the use of money, I rarely run to the extravagance of a daily newspaper so, without a list of fixtures, I used to find myself having to scribble down the names of teams as well as the results. The advent of Leytonstone & Ilford did not help and shouts of 'grub up', 'yours is getting cold', etc. often led to vital gaps. Now, with the aid of Memorex and frequent use of the pause button on the radio-cassette recorder, results can be transcribed and tables updated almost before you can say 'Terry Wogan'.

Sadly, I have just completed the final updating for the 1980-81 season and the championship which had been beckoning tantalisingly since well before Christmas has narrowly eluded Wycombe's grasp. To be honest, this season's side has only occasionally looked worthy of championship honours—e.g. in the home match against Sutton—but, from early November until mid-December, hopes ran high as an excellent sequence of results brought 22 points out of a possible 24. It also brought Mike Keen a gallon of whisky, of course. Then, on 27th December, that shattering 1-4 defeat at home to Slough. To their eternal credit, as they say, the 'lads' fought back in determined fashion in the return fixture a few days later and were unlucky not to have taken at least a point.

I intend no criticism of anyone in particular in the Wycombe defence and I certainly hold no brief for the departed Steve Hardwick, but it may well be significant that both before the home game against Slough and the F.A. Trophy match at Sutton—the two major disappointments of the season—he was 'unavailable'. Certainly there is a crying need for a commanding 'centre half' to partner the admirable Bobby Davies. Anton Vircaus, at 20, has youth on his side and may well fit the bill. Up front, too, there is a need for a tall, strong and mobile target man to capitalise on the crosses of Steve Long and Ken Wilson or whoever else may be supplying them next season! And we still have no one in midfield of the calibre of, say, Terry Reardon.



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or Larry Pritchard—as different as chalk from cheese, I know, but each in his own way a potential matchwinner.

Talking of Larry Pritchard, I have just heard as I write this that, in the championship decider at Sutton this evening, it was Larry himself who gave Sutton the lead midway through the second half; however, Slough were not to be denied and soon hit back with a couple of scrambled goals from corners. So the championship goes to Wexham Park for the first time. It would be churlish to suggest that Slough were not worthy champions, especially after their 'double' over Wycombe, but they are certainly not the most impressive side I have seen this season. That 'honour' goes to Hendon—without question the most improved side in the League and my tip for the championship next season. A few weeks ago I went to see them play Slough at Wexham Park in the hope of witnessing an 'upset'. I was not disappointed and my delight at Hendon's victory was only slightly marred by the ankle injury sustained as I leapt into the air in celebration of their winning goal, forgetting momentarily that this was good old Wexham Park and that I was perched precariously on a large but unstable chunk of concrete—part of the fine rockery which Slough appear to be constructing behind one goal. Trust them to have the last laugh!

BY A SUPPORTER, MIKE RALPH

The Supporters' Club

Wycombe Wanderers' Supporters Club was founded 50 years ago and to commemorate this event we give some extracts from the minutes of the records in our possession. Unfortunately, these go back only to 17th August 1933. Meetings were held at the Swan Hotel, Pauls Row and the first committee members on record were Messrs. Garland, Howland, Abbott, Penn, Craft, Goodearl, Barnes, Mitchell, Southam, Ing, Ridgeley and Montague.

21st September 1933: Minerals in the bar were to be charged at 3d (1½p) per bottle.

7th December 1933: Balance on hand £20 15s 2½d (£20.76). Committee received a complaint that the beer was too cold.

18th January 1934: Coach fares—Marlow return 11d (4½p); Bromley return 3s 3d (16½p).

21st February 1935: Penny on the ball declared illegal by the Police. Cost of 28-seater coach to Chesham £2. Balance at end of financial year £5 8s 5d (£5.42½p).

21st May 1936: Club house hire . . . 4s 0d (20p)! Today it's £40.00.

16th December 1937: Notice boards to be put round the ground asking supporters to refrain from using bad language. Times haven't changed much, have they?

20th January 1938: The Committee at this time was Garland, Howland, Allen, Harris, Barnes, Payne, Welford, Ing, Montague, Fryer and Ridgeley.

20th September 1939: Supporters Club entertained players to a buffet. Cost per head 1s 9d (9½p). Menu—ham, tongue, potatoes, pickles, cheese and bread.

19th September 1940: Committee agreed to donate £2 2s 0d (£2.10p) to the Mayor's Spitfire Fund.

23rd July 1942: Committee decided to contribute 30s 0d (£1.50) per week to W.W.F.C. towards cost of teas for players and officials.

28th July 1944: Committee agreed members only in the bar. Nominal fee of 1s 0d (5p) per annum to be charged. Membership at this date 104. Committee decided to buy pony costing £27 10s 0d (£27.50).

21st February 1946: Complaints were made that too many £1 and 10s (50p) notes were being tendered at half-time during the rush. Now we are waiting for the first £50 note!.

21st March 1946: Chairman reported purchase of football ground by a certain gentleman who intended to hand same to the club.

19th September 1946: Bar prices discussed. Brown Ales 8d (4p), Beer 1s 4d (7p) per pint. Whisky 1s 9d (9½p). It was agreed to give tip of 2s 0d (10p) to the draymen for delivering the beer. Committee at this time was Messrs Garland, Howland, Smith, Lambert, Bayliss, Egan, C. Fryer, Ridgeley, Downes, Brewin, A. Fryer, Abbott, Gates, Nobbs and Ing.

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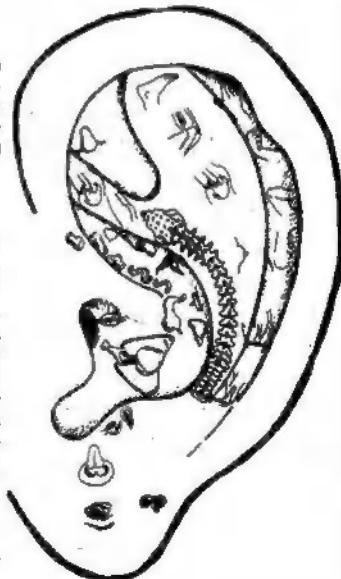
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The Wanderers F.A. Cup History

As last season was the hundredth F.A. Cup, we have done a brief history of the Wanderers in the F.A. Cup.

Wycombe first entered this competition in season 1895-96 and were defeated at home by Wolverton 3-2. In the next four seasons we were defeated in the first game every time by Norwich C.E.Y.M.S. 2-1 away; Chesham Casuals 3-0 away; Marlow at home 2-1; and Reading at home 8-0.

Wycombe did not enter in season 1900-01 but in season 1901-02 came our first victory. A 2-0 win over Maidenhead after a 1-1 away draw. In the next round we were drawn away to Oxford City and lost 5-2. In season 1903-04 we played three games but a home defeat by Brentford 4-1 put paid to our hopes. Brentford did the same to us in 1905-06 but by 4-0 this time away after victories against Marlow, Aylesbury United, Maidenhead and Slough.

1909-10 season was our best run with wins over Aylesbury United (H) 4-3, Southall (H) 1-0, Maidenhead Norfolkians (A) 3-1, Uxbridge (H) 1-0, Summerstown (A) 3-1, but we were defeated 4-0 at home by Watford. Until after the First World War our fortunes were limited to no more than the third round of this competition but, in 1919-20 we reached the fourth qualifying round, being beaten 4-1 away by Hampstead Town (now Hendon). Season 1920-21 was remarkable for the fact that we won

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Jimmy Jacobs goal is disallowed in the F.A. Cup at Worcester

7—2 at Slough after a 2—2 home draw. This was the second consecutive season we had beaten Slough on their own ground.

Season 1931—32 we won our way through from the extra Preliminary Round to the fourth qualifying round only to be defeated by 6—1 at Enfield. In the previous five games we had scored 27 goals and conceded 5. For the first time in our history, season 1932—33 saw us reach the First Round Proper. This game resulted in a 4—2 defeat by Gillingham after a 1—1 away draw.

Our 13—0 win at home to Amersham Town in the extra Preliminary Round of the 1950—51 season was our biggest victory to that date in the F.A. Cup competition. We made our exit in the fourth qualifying round with a 4—0 defeat at home to Chelmsford after three replays in the previous three rounds. Incidentally, gate receipts were £598 2s 6d (£598.12½) from 10,377 spectators.

After being defeated 3—2 by Headington United (now Oxford United) away in 1951—52, Wycombe were awarded the match due to Headington fielding an ineligible player.

In season 1955—56 we reached the First Round Proper for only the second time, but again we were defeated at home, this time by Burton Albion in front of a 9,696 crowd by 3—1. The first game in this season's F.A. Cup was a 0—0 draw at Witney but the replay was the most remarkable game, with Wycombe recording their biggest F.A. Cup victory by 15—1.

We again reached the First Round Proper in season 1958—59 but a 2—0 defeat away in front of a 12,934 crowd at Northampton put paid to our hopes this year. We made it to the second round the following season for the first time after a 1—0 home victory over Oxford City and a 4—2 home win in the first round over Wisbech Town. Watford away was our next hurdle but this resulted in a 5—1 defeat. A total of 38,000 watched these three games.

We made the second round again and the first round four times between 1960 and 1967, the highlight of these F.A. Cup games being the struggle against Bedford Town in 1966—67 season. After four games, an own goal by Ian Rundle just separated the two teams. Total gate at these four matches was 32,000.

Seasons 1967—68 and 1968—69 saw the Blues defeated at the first attempt. Dagenham 2—0 at home in 1967—68 and 1—0 away to St. Albans after a 0—0 draw at Loakes Park.

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The 'seventies opened with home wins against Dulwich, Erith & Belvedere and Hitchin Town. This was followed by another home draw against Barnet but after a 0-0 draw our Cup run was finished for another year by 3-0 defeat away.

Season 1970-71 saw a repetition of the previous year. After four victories we lost to Slough away after a 1-1 home draw. Old rivals Maidenhead were the victors in our first qualifying round tie at Maidenhead in 1971-72 by 2-0.

We were unfortunate to have three away draws in the next season. Tooting first and then a 6-2 victory at Egham before the luck ran out at Walton. Tilbury away started our F.A. Cup run for 1973-74 with a 3-0 win followed by a home win 1-0 against Woking, and victories at Chatham and Worthing, 7-0 and 3-0 respectively. Next round was a home tie against Newport County and our first victory by 3-1 to a League side. The draw for the second round brought Peterborough United to Loakes Park but a 3-1 defeat for the Wanderers.

Season 1974-75 started with a very close 1-0 win at Marlow—this was followed by a comfortable win at Loakes Park 2-0 against Milton Keynes. Chesham away resulted in a 3-1 win which gave the Blues a home tie against Margate in the fourth qualifying round. Wycombe came out on top two goals to one. Cheltenham at home was the next round and another win for Wycombe 3-1. Second Round draw brought Bournemouth to Wycombe for a 0-0 draw and that famous 2-1 away win at Dean Court, Bournemouth. Top of the First Division, Middlesbrough were next to visit Loakes Park with their Manager, Jack Charlton. London Weekend brought their cameras and 12,000 supporters packed into the ground to see an upset. It nearly happened with an Alan Phillips header just going past the post. The game finished 0-0 and an 89th minute goal at Middlesbrough finished our epic F.A. Cup run.

The next two seasons the Blues were defeated by League opposition 1-0 at Cardiff and 2-1 at home to Reading.

Seasons 1977-78 and 1978-79 saw Wycombe exempt to the first round after their previous good cup runs but away defeats by Minehead 2-0 and Maidstone 1-0 saw us back in the fourth qualifying round at Barnet in 1979-80 with a 2-0 victory and a 3-0 home defeat by Croydon.

Full Cup Record: P 212, W 105, D 33, L 74, For 508, Against 393

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	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Barking	58	20	2	7	77	34	11	10	8	50	42	
Bishops Stortford	14	3	2	2	12	7	3	3	1	11	7	
Boreham Wood	8	3	—	1	6	2	2	2	—	10	1	
Carshalton	8	3	—	1	9	5	2	2	—	6	4	
Corinthian Casuals	94	34	7	7	152	66	21	9	16	109	95	
Civil Service	16	4	3	1	22	18	2	—	6	15	29	
Clapton	98	35	7	7	165	66	21	9	19	101	104	
Croydon	10	3	2	—	11	2	3	—	2	6	7	
Dagenham	14	3	3	1	16	9	1	1	5	4	12	
Dulwich Hamlet	106	39	3	11	158	79	16	10	27	92	133	
Enfield	36	7	5	6	17	19	4	6	8	23	33	
Hayes	20	6	1	3	18	14	6	1	3	10	5	
Harlow	4	1	—	1	3	3	1	—	1	4	3	
Harrow Borough	4	2	—	—	8	2	1	1	—	3	3	
Hendon	35	11	3	4	36	20	7	2	8	19	33	
Hitchin Town	36	15	1	2	47	7	10	1	7	34	29	
Ilford	100	32	13	5	146	70	21	6	23	99	40	
Kingstonian	90	31	3	11	119	66	14	9	22	73	97	
Leatherhead	18	5	3	1	12	5	1	4	4	7	10	
Leytonstone	106	31	10	12	123	72	15	7	31	75	131	
Maidstone	24	10	1	1	37	10	7	—	5	23	23	
Oxford City	102	39	6	7	161	68	15	13	22	96	103	
Romford	28	7	3	4	46	26	4	3	7	28	46	
Slough	14	3	—	4	5	9	2	1	4	12	12	
Southall	6	3	—	—	6	2	2	1	—	6	2	
Staines	12	5	1	—	15	4	2	1	3	8	10	
St. Albans	90	28	7	10	145	71	11	5	29	73	114	
Sutton	36	8	6	4	36	24	6	5	7	20	23	
Tilbury	8	1	2	1	4	4	4	—	—	8	2	
Tooting & Mitcham	50	15	4	6	50	37	10	11	4	41	32	
Tufnell Park	50	20	3	3	100	36	9	7	8	40	43	
Walthamstow	71	18	6	11	66	49	10	8	18	65	80	
West Norwood	4	1	—	1	5	4	—	—	2	1	3	
Woking	108	35	9	10	161	79	20	12	21	114	116	
London Caledonian	36	9	2	7	55	39	1	5	12	14	47	
Wimbledon	70	24	7	4	107	54	7	4	24	55	116	
Nunhead	36	13	—	5	52	38	5	3	10	28	44	
Bromley	48	15	3	6	65	28	13	1	10	58	46	
Wealdstone	14	2	1	4	9	16	1	2	4	9	17	
Walton & Hersham	8	3	1	—	6	2	1	—	3	5	7	
Not included above:				Oxford City	Away	1930-31						
				Hendon	Away	1968-69						
				Walthamstow	Home	1968-69						

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Some interesting statistics emerge from the foregoing table.

Barking Our 2—0 home win this season was our first victory, home or away for three seasons. Prior to this, they hadn't been beaten for six seasons.

Borehamwood — Carshalton Both teams have better records at Loakes Park than on their own grounds, both recording a victory. Away we remain unbeaten.

Croydon This was the second season running we have done the double over them.

Dagenham Our only double over this club was in season 1977—78 which was also our only away win at this ground for seven seasons. Their last three visits to Loakes Park have resulted in draws.

Dulwich Hamlet Steve Long's goal in our 4—0 home victory was our 250th in 106 league games against this club. They have defeated us only once at home in 28 seasons, this being 0—1 in 1975—76. Only 21 goals were scored against us in this time.

Enfield This club has the best league record against the 'Blues', having scored the highest goals against us both home and away. Jimmy Jacob's goal at home this season was the first against them for five seasons at home.

Hayes Their games have a reputation for low scoring but home games at Wycombe have an average of 3.2 goals per game. We have scored three goals per match this last three seasons.

Harlow We achieved the double over this club this season reversing last season's results.

Hendon Our 2—1 defeat was only our second in 13 seasons. This being the second time they have scored two against us in 13 years.

Hitchin This team has never scored more than one goal per match in 18 visits to Loakes Park. Even on this record they have taken maximum points twice.

Leatherhead Our away draw this season means we have gone five seasons with only one defeat away from home and six draws home and away in this time.

Leytonstone Against this club we have suffered our three heaviest away defeats: 5—10, 1—8 and 3—9. Our home record fares better, our 2—0 defeat this season was the first for thirteen games.

Slough We have never managed to score more than one goal in our home matches against this team, scoring only five goals in seven games, but away we have scored 12 times.

Staines At home we remain unbeaten but away, after being unbeaten for their first three seasons in the top-flight Isthmian League, we have lost on our last three visits.

Sutton Have recorded just one victory at Loakes Park in twelve seasons, this being 2—1 in 1978—79 season.

Tooting We have our best away record at Sandy Lane. Only one defeat in 18 games and just four defeats in all.

Walthamstow Our 5—0 home victory was our highest home league win. Away we have scored five on two occasions and six once.

Woking It is now seven seasons since we were defeated home or away

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by this team. Woking are the only club who have played Wycombe every season in the Isthmian League since the Blues' first season in 1921-22.

Bromley Our 3-2 away defeat this season broke a run of 16 winning matches. Bromley scoring only twice in the previous 15 games.

First Team Results 1980-81

KEY: I.L. — Isthmian League; L.C. — League Cup; F.A.C. — F.A. Cup;
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August						
9	Weymouth (F)	Home	1	3
12	Aylesbury United (F)	Away	1	2
16	Leytonstone & Ilford (I.L.)	Home	0	2
18	Harrow Borough (I.L.)	...	...	Away	1	1
23	Dulwich Hamlet (I.L.)	...	...	Away	2	2
25	Hayes (L.C.)	...	...	Away	1	2
30	Sutton United (I.L.)	...	...	Away	0	2
September						
2	Boreham Wood (I.L.)	...	...	Home	1	0
6	Carshalton (I.L.)	...	...	Home	2	0
9	Hitchin Town (I.L.)	...	...	Away	0	0
13	Dagenham (I.L.)	...	...	Home	4	4
20	Harlow Town (I.L.)	...	...	Away	3	1
23	Oxford City (F)	...	...	Home	1	0
27	Tooting & Mitcham (I.L.)	...	...	Home	1	0
30	Leatherhead (I.L.)	...	...	Home	0	0
October						
4	Barking (I.L.)	...	...	Away	0	2
7	Staines Town (I.L.)	...	...	Away	1	2
11	Walthamstow Avenue (I.L.)	...	...	Home	5	0
14	Woking (I.L.)	...	...	Home	4	0
18	Hungerford (B & B)	...	...	Home	3	2
21	Hayes (I.L.)	...	...	Away	1	2
25	Enfield (I.L.)	...	...	Home	1	1
28	Harrow Borough (I.L.)	...	...	Home	3	2
November						
1	Worcester City (F.A.C.)	...	...	Away	1	1
4	Worcester City (F.A.C.)	...	...	Home	1	0
8	Dagenham (I.L.)	...	...	Away	0	5
11	Hitchin Town (I.L.)	...	...	Home	2	0
15	Barking (I.L.)	...	...	Home	2	0
18	Aylesbury United (B & B)	Home	2	2
22	A.F.C. Bournemouth (F.A.C.)	Home	0	3
25	Hayes (I.L.)	Home	3	1
29	Bromley (I.L.)	Home	5	0

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December							
2	Aylesbury United (B & B)	Away	1	2	
6	Walthamstow Avenue (I.L.)	Away	2	2	
9	Staines Town (I.L.)	Home	1	0	
13	Sutton United (I.L.)	...	...	Home	3	1
16	Woking (I.L.)	...	...	Away	4	0
27	Slough Town (I.L.)	...	...	Home	1	4
January							
1	Slough Town (I.L.)	...	...	Away	1	2
3	Hendon (I.L.)	...	...	Away	1	0
10	Cheltenham (F.A.T.)	...	...	Away	1	0
13	Abingdon Town (F)	...	...	Home	4	1
17	Letchworth (F)	...	...	Away	6	1
20	Chesham United (F)	...	...	Away	1	0
24	Leytonstone & Ilford (I.L.)	...	...	Away	1	0
27	Hillingdon Borough (F)	...	...	Home	1	1
31	Sutton United (F.A.T.)	...	...	Away	1	5
February							
5	Denmark Under-21 (F)	...	...	Home	7	4
7	Carshalton (I.L.)	...	...	Away	1	1
14	Harlow (I.L.)	...	...	Home	1	0
21	Tooting & Mitcham (I.L.)	...	...	Away	2	1
28	Dulwich Hamlet (I.L.)	...	...	Home	4	1
March							
7	Enfield (I.L.)	...	...	Away	0	2
12	Vancouver Whitecaps (F)	...	...	Home	0	4
21	Croydon (I.L.)	Home	2	0	
28	Tring (F)	Home	0	2	
31	Rasundra (Sweden) (F)	Home	5	1	
April							
4	Hendon (I.L.)	Home	1	2	
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11	Boreham Wood (I.L.)	Away	4	0	
14	Beaconsfield (F)	Home	4	1	
18	Croydon (I.L.)	Away	3	2	
23	Israel F.A. XI (F)	Home	0	1	
25	Leatherhead (I.L.)	Away	1	1	
May							
2	Bromley (I.L.)	Away	2	3	

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P 65	W 23	D 12	L 20	For 121	Against 87
67	35	13	19	126	88

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Tim Lee	...	(*1)	30	Gary Toll	...	(*1)	6	8
Chris Way	29	Daniel Daley	...	(*2)	6	
Andy Hunt	28 19	Howard Kennedy	5	
Paul West	...	...	25 6	Gary Fowles	...	...	5	
Kevin Stanbridge	(*16)	25		Bobby Dell	...	...	5	2
Mark Richardson	...	23	3	Terry Scott	...	...	5	10
Nick Shrimpton	(*3)	19	4	Terry Mason	...	(*2)	4	
Ian Rundle	.....	18	1	Tony Price	...	...	3	4
Simon Dexter	...	17		Mick Holifield	...	...	3	1
Phil Bycroft	...	15	1	Roger Moore	...	(*1)	3	
Jimmy Jacobs	...	13		Bobby Royston	...	...	2	
Ken Wilson	...	12	6	Mark Kirkham	...	...	2	
Graham Stanmore	(*6)	12	1	Tony Ashby	...	...	2	
Ray Clarke	...	(*12)	12	Steve Hardwick	...	...	2	
Gary Collier	...	(*10)	11	Simon Glover	...	(*1)	2	1
Steve Toll	...	10	1	Paul Birdseye	...	...	1	
Anton Vircaus	...	10	5	John Maskell	...	...	1	
Paul Miles	...	(*1)	10	3	Gary Lester	...	...	1
Graham Marshall	(*2)	10		Guy Nash	...	...	1	
Ian Howard	...	9	2	Terry Glynn	...	...	1	3
Elvis Jack	...	(*1)	2	Kevin Edwards	...	(*1)	1	
Jimmy Richardson	...	8	2	Stephen Aries	...	(*1)	1	
Keith Mead	7					

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We were accepted into the Suburban Football League, which have their headquarters at Sutton United F.C. The League, for the first time last year, is geographically formed into a 'North' and 'South' division, purely to assist clubs financially, cutting travelling costs, etc. As you will see by the league table we played in the 'North' section. A total of seventeen teams competed in the section, which meant playing 32 league matches, also one league cup match. At the end of the season we found ourselves with the following league record:

Played 32 Won 18 Drew 4 Lost 10 Goals for 82 Against 43 Pts 40.

We finished a creditable sixth in the league, a satisfying position after only our first season. The policy of giving local youth a chance to prove themselves was reflected in the amount of players who were signed on, a total of 45 players put on a Wycombe shirt with a view to playing for the first team.

John Maskell, Wycombe's goalkeeper for the last decade, was appointed assistant manager to Mike Keen, and put in charge of running the reserves, a role he enjoyed throughout the season, especially one sunny afternoon last September at Wealdstone when, with both of Wycombe's goalkeepers not available, he found himself reverting back to the role of keeping goal for the day, showing that he had lost none of his ability in goal and gave a brilliant display.

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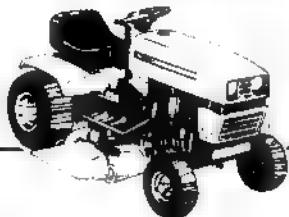
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The Reserves went through the season like a thermometer, up and down. They started the league campaign by winning the first two matches, then it took another six games before we came out on the winning side, the encounter with Carshalton in the League Cup saw us go out by the odd goal of five.

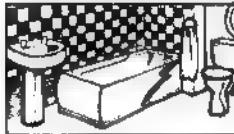
The Reserves achieved the same distinction as the first team, losing to Slough both home and away, after which came a good run, going from 1st November to 24th January without losing a match. Then came another flood of lost matches, only to pick themselves up to beat the league leaders Harrow Borough at Loakes Park by two goals to nil, a good performance. Harrow went through the season only losing two matches, one of which was ours.

Probably the best performance of the season came one April evening in our midweek home game with Wealdstone when the Reserves gained sweet revenge, after losing by the only goal away earlier in the season. They inflicted seven goals to one win, Wealdstone's heaviest defeat for seven years.

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Reserve team before their 2—0 home victory over Harrow

The re-forming of the Reserves benefited the club enormously. The way in which players like Chris Way, Phil Bycroft and Simon Dexter performed for the first team when drafted in was solely due to the fact that they have been playing a game every week, rather than sitting on the sidelines with a squad system. John Maskell found a lad with a lot of potential in Anton Vircaus from Oxford. Andy Hunt enjoyed a good season, being the top goalscorer for the Reserves with 19 to his credit. Paul West had a good season, which was curtailed by a leg and ankle injury. Tim Lee gave some steady performances in the defence, only missing three matches all season.

Finally, I look forward to next season hoping that the Reserves will in turn help the first team to put Wycombe Wanderers back on top of their league.



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RESERVE TEAM RESULTS

SUBURBAN LEAGUE

		F	A			F	A		
August				January					
16	Farnborough	A	3	2	3	Addlestone	H	3	2
23	Egham Town	H	2	1	10	Chertsey Town	A	4	0
30	Staines Town	H	0	3	17	Camberley Town	H	5	3
					24	Farnborough Tn	H	0	1
					31	Hillingdon Boro	H	1	3
September				February					
6	Wealdstone	A	0	1	7	Feltham	H	0	3
9	Harrow Borough	A	1	4	14	Harrow Borough	H	2	0
13	Slough Town	H	0	1	21	Staines Town	A	3	0
16	Hounslow	H	1	1	28	Addlestone	A	4	1
20	Wembley	H	1	1					
24	Feltham	A	1	0					
October				March					
4	Chertsey Town	H	3	3	28	Corinthian Cas.	A	10	1
18	Fleet Town	A	1	0					
				April					
November				4	Camberley Town	A	2	0	
1	Slough Town	A	1	2	8	Wealdstone	H	7	1
22	Egham Town	A	4	1	11	Wembley	A	1	3
26	Southall	A	4	0	18	Fleet Town	H	2	2
29	Hounslow	A	1	0					
December				May					
6	Southall	H	7	0	2	Hillingdon Boro	A	0	3
18	Corinthian Cas.	H	8	0					
				LEAGUE CUP					
				September					
				27	Carshalton	A	2	3	

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		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Harrow Borough	32	25	5	2	89	29	55
2	Farnborough Town	32	18	8	6	74	33	44
3	Slough Town	32	19	5	8	82	26	43
4	Hounslow	32	19	5	8	55	33	43
5	Wealdstone	32	19	5	8	58	38	43
6	Wycombe Wanderers	32	18	4	10	82	43	40
7	Staines Town	32	17	6	9	66	33	40
8	Wembley	32	15	9	8	61	40	39
9	Hillingdon Borough	32	16	6	10	58	38	38
10	Feltham	32	15	6	11	47	43	36
11	Chertsey Town	32	11	3	18	42	84	25
12	Fleet Town	32	9	5	18	41	70	23
13	Egham Town	32	6	10	16	43	68	22
14	Addlestone	32	7	6	19	46	46	20
15	Southall	32	6	7	19	29	64	19
16	Camberley Town	32	5	2	25	31	96	12
17	Corinthian Casuals	32	0	2	30	5	125	2

RESERVES GOALSCORERS

Andy Hunt	...	...	19	Terry Glynn	...	...	3
Terry Scott	...	...	10	Ian Howard	...	...	2
Gary Toll	...	...	8	Bobby Dell	...	...	2
Paul West	...	...	6*	J. Richardson	...	...	2
Ken Wilson	...	...	6	Phil Bycroft	...	...	1
Anton Vircaus	...	...	5	Mick Holifield	...	...	1
Tony Price	...	...	4	Steve Toll	...	...	1
Nick Shrimpton	4	Graham Stanmore	1
Paul Miles	3*	Simon Glover	1
M. Richardson	3	Ian Rundle	1
				Own Goal	1

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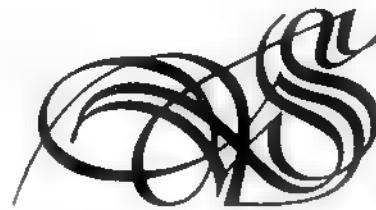
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Manager's interview

I enjoyed last season very much. I was disappointed about the last two games in that if we had won we would have kept the pressure on Enfield and Slough. I was also very disappointed with the cup games and felt that we didn't do ourselves justice but, apart from that, I thought we did reasonably well.

I was a little worried at the start of last season, but felt that as there were a couple of players on holiday and they were rather difficult games at the beginning of the season, that once we had a full squad and got going we would finish in the top half of the table.

The standard of football was quite high in some games, but disappointing in others. Teams at the top of the table had quite good sides and quite good players so therefore they played well, but teams at the bottom of the league played very negative football and came to Wycombe very defensively. Overall the standard sometimes was as good as the fourth division.

The standard of refereeing was disappointing, especially in key games when some of the decisions cost us dearly, but they have to be present and overall they were fair.

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My ambitions at the moment are to win the Isthmian League, the Trophy, the Hitachi Cup, the Berks and Bucks Cup, the Suburban League and the Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup. If we win three out of those I shall be very happy. I think I would like to go back into the Football League deep down, but I would like Wycombe to be successful first.

I was very pleased at winning the Manager of the Month award twice and didn't expect two gallons of whisky, but I hope to win another couple this season.

I enjoyed lots of moments during the season. Some of the goals scored were exceptionally good. One I shall always remember in particular was the goal Jimmy Jacobs scored from the half-way line.

The biggest disappointment of the season was losing to Sutton 5-1 and Bournemouth 3-0, but I hope we will be more prepared this season.

I thought the reserves did very well and one or two of the players were beginning to come through towards the end of the season, but I think we shall probably benefit more this season.

There is plenty of local talent about, but there is the problem of whether the players will be patient and play a few games in the reserves first and not expect to play for the first team straight away.

In conclusion I should like to thank the supporters for their much-valued support during the season. It was very pleasing to have so much support, especially at the away games. Even the players commented on how much support they got. At some of the away games if there hadn't been any Wycombe supporters there would have been hardly anybody there. I hope this season we shall give you something to shout about.

I have also offered to come up to one of the club nights during the winter so that you can ask questions and talk about football if there are enough people interested in coming along to ask different things.

IRENA FRONTALSKI

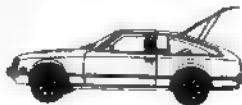
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Supporters' Club Football Team

The Supporters Club Football Team started two seasons ago. Previous to the Supporters Club taking over the team they competed under the names of Golden Fleece and then as Kingswood. The team are in the High Wycombe Sunday Combination. Last season we finished fourth in the Second Division, their highest league position to date. Brian Jones was appointed Manager at the start of the season and has blended together a useful side. Football Secretary Andy Haines has also put in a lot of hard work off the field in making sure the club is run efficiently.

On the playing side we enjoyed a reasonable run in both cup competitions in the Berks and Bucks Sunday Junior Cup. We played four rounds before going out to Division One side Hughenden United 3-0 at home. In the Combination Cup we defeated Marlow R.B.L. away and Glynswood away before falling 10-2 at home to Premier Division side Chinnor, the eventual winners of the Trophy. In the League we lost our first game of the season 0-6 to Penn Minors. This was followed by a run of seven wins and a draw before three defeats in four games from mid-November to mid-December set us back apiece. From mid-December onwards only one cup game and two matches against Royal Oak, both played the same day, resulted in defeats for the club.

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donated by Hayes member Graham Cass, to whom we offer thanks for his generosity. We were holders of the trophy for 1979-80, beating Hayes 4-2 on aggregate. 1980-81 season we drew 1-1 at Hayes. The home game was unfortunately cancelled owing to a freak snow-storm on the Saturday night and Sunday morning of 25th/26th April. The Trophy is being held by each team for six months.

The players who appeared for the club during the season were as follow: Gareth Shearn (1), Pete Keeping (9), Tony Lacey, Chris Rose, Karl Howson, Malcolm Bird, Dave Wilkins (1), Chris Haines (5), Adrian Wooster (14), Dave Scrivens (3), Tony Ford (2), Josh White (7), Spike Dutton (27), Dave Percy (3), Andy Ryan (8), Spud Murphy, John Crowdys (1), Mark Thomas (6), John Herbert (1), Andy Haines (4). Goals scored in League and Cup only are shown in brackets. Club captain for the season was Adrian Wooster.

Results for the season are as follow—Wycombe score first.

LEAGUE	Home	Away	BERKS & BUCKS CUP	Away	4-0
Penn Minors	0-6	1-7	Chalfont Athletic	Away	5-0
Hethercroft	2-1	2-1	Exiles (Slough)	Away	3-2
Glynswood Res.	6-2	5-0	King George V	Home	0-3
Hour Glass	2-2	5-3	Hughenden United	Home	
Glory Mill	2-3	3-2	SUNDAY COMBINATION		
Searle	10-2	7-0	Glynswood Reserves	Away	4-3
Beech Tree	2-2	4-5	Marlow R.B.L.	Away	5-2
Davenport Vernon	5-2	3-2	Glynswood	Away	3-1
Chinnor Reserves	1-1	6-3	Chinnor	Home	2-10
E. Gomme's	2-2	8-2	FRIENDLY		
Royal Oak	2-4	2-4	Beaconsfield A.C.	Away	2-0
			Speen	Away	3-2

Here's hoping for a successful 1981-82 season.

A. PAGE (Hon. Treasurer, Wycombe Wanderers Supporters' Club)

Non-League programme collecting

The hobby of football programme collecting has grown beyond all expectations over the last ten years. Programme Fairs where dealers attend, enabling collectors to add to their collections, are becoming more and more frequent. These fairs culminate in the International Fair held annually in London at the beginning of January.

One of the great things about collecting programmes is that there are many aspects of the hobby. Collecting Cup Finals is one, trying to get a complete set. International matches is another. To collect one programme from each of the Football League clubs is another popular way. Most people just collect the home and away programmes of their favourite club. Another popular (and expensive) set of programmes to collect is of clubs who used to belong to the Football League.



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As the hobby gets more popular so these programmes get more expensive to buy.

But collecting Non-League programmes is one way of getting round this, comparatively inexpensively, plus as interesting a way as any mentioned so far. It is estimated that more than a thousand non-league clubs print, or have printed, programmes but no one knows exactly how many. The number of clubs in existence who print programmes also gives a fair idea of the amount of football played on a Saturday.

Many clubs print very professional programmes at reasonable prices, on low gates. Below is a personal view of the best three non-league programmes:

1 Barnstaple Town (Western League, 10p)

The best programme of the season! There can't be many to match it. One wonders how they produce such a quality programme on sales of around a hundred. It's printed with 24 pages on glossy paper with an attractive yellow cover. It strikes a good balance between articles and advertising. Informative club notes appear as well as the following features:

- ★ Full results and fixtures and first team appearances
- ★ Club attendances
- ★ Spotlight on a player, plus black and white photo (very unusual)
- ★ Pen picture on referee
- ★ First and reserves team league tables
- ★ Plenty on visiting team, plus photo (again, very unusual).

All in all an excellent programme for 10p for a club of such status and attendances.

2 Farnborough Town (Isthmian League Division 1, 15p)

This programme features mainly because of its amazing content of 48 pages. All the usual features, i.e. appearances, goal scorers, manager's column, fixtures and results, combine with some refreshingly different ones. These include:

- ★ All time appearances since the club was formed of long-serving players
- ★ Page of club history
- ★ Hall of fame feature on long-service Farnborough players
- ★ A high content of copy on visiting teams (four pages).

3 Fleetwood Town (Cheshire League Division 1, 10p)

Another excellent programme for value and content. What sets it in a class of its own is its use of colour photography as well as black and white photos. Other features to complement the pictures in this twenty-four page journal include:—

- ★ Player profile (with B & W photo)
- ★ Usual club news, league tables, appearances
- ★ Information on visiting team in questionnaire form, plus B & W team picture
- ★ Report on recent match, plus a look ahead to forthcoming matches.

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H.L.C.—Hitachi League Cup

F.A.C.—F.A. Cup

F.A.T.—F.A. Trophy

Sat.	15	Aug.	H	Sutton	B.I.L.
Tue.	18	Aug.	H	Staines	B.I.L.
Sat.	22	Aug.	A	Bromley	B.I.L.
Tue.	25	Aug.			
Sat.	29	Aug.	H	Croydon	B.I.L.
Mon.	31	Aug.	A	Rainham (3 p.m.)	H.L.C.
Sat.	5	Sept.	A	Hitchin	B.I.L.
Tue.	8	Sept.	H	Boreham Wood	B.I.L.
Sat.	12	Sept.	H	Walthamstow	B.I.L.
Tue.	15	Sept.	A	Woking	B.I.L.
Sat.	19	Sept.			
Tue.	22	Sept.	H	Hendon	B.I.L.
Sat.	26	Sept.	A	Carshalton	B.I.L.
Tue.	29	Sept.			
Sat.	3	Oct.			
Mon.	5	Oct.	A	Harrow Borough	B.I.L.
Sat.	10	Oct.	H	Barking	B.I.L.
Tue.	13	Oct.	A	Slough	B.I.L.
Sat.	17	Oct.	A	Harlow	B.I.L.
Tue.	20	Oct.	A	Staines	B.I.L.
Sat.	24	Oct.			
Tue.	27	Oct.			
Sat.	31	Oct.		4th Qualifying	F.A.C.
Tue.	3	Nov.	A	Boreham Wood	B.I.L.
Sat.	7	Nov.	H	Bishops Stortford	B.I.L.
Tue.	10	Nov.	H	Woking	B.I.L.
Sat.	14	Nov.	H	Dulwich Hamlet	B.I.L.
Tue.	17	Nov.	A	Hendon	B.I.L.
Sat.	21	Nov.	A	Leatherhead	B.I.L.

Tue.	24	Nov.	H	Harrow Borough	B.I.L.
Sat.	28	Nov.	A	Leytonstone & Ilford	B.I.L.
Tue.	1	Dec.	H	Slough	B.I.L.
Sat.	5	Dec.	H	Tooting & Mitcham	B.I.L.
Sat.	12	Dec.	A	Sutton	B.I.L.
Sat.	19	Dec.	A	Billericay	B.I.L.
Sat.	26	Dec.	A	Hayes	B.I.L.
Sat.	2	Jan.	H	Hayes	B.I.L.
Sat.	9	Jan.	H	Bromley	B.I.L.
Sat.	16	Jan.		1st Round Proper	F.A.T.
Sat.	23	Jan.			
Sat.	30	Jan.	A	Croydon	B.I.L.
Sat.	6	Feb.	H	Hitchin	B.I.L.
Sat.	13	Feb.	A	Walthamstow	B.I.L.
Sat.	20	Feb.	H	Carshalton	B.I.L.
Sat.	27	Feb.	A	Barking	B.I.L.
Sat.	6	Mar.	H	Harlow	B.I.L.
Sat.	13	Mar.	H	Billericay	B.I.L.
Sat.	20	Mar.	A	Bishops Stortford	B.I.L.
Sat.	27	Mar.	A	Dulwich Hamlet	B.I.L.
Sat.	3	Apr.	H	Leatherhead	B.I.L.
Sat.	10	Apr.	H	Leytonstone & Ilford	B.I.L.
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